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BEFORE THE
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF:)
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JOHN C. HARRIS,)
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Complainant,)
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vs.) No. 06-0186
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PEOPLES GAS LIGHT and COKE)
COMPANY,)
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Respondent.)
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Chicago, Illinois
June 29th, 2006

Met, pursuant to notice, at 10:00 a.m.

BEFORE:

Mr. John T. Riley, Administrative Law Judge

1 APPEARANCES:

2 MR. JOHN C. HARRIS
3 Appearing pro se.

4 MR. MARK L. GOLDSTEIN
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6 Suite 330
7 Deerfield, IL 60015
8 (847) 580-5480
9 appearing for Respondent.

10 Brian Schmoltdt, from Peoples Gas

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1 JUDGE RILEY: Pursuant to the direction of the
2 Illinois Commerce Commission, I now call Docket
3 06-0186. This is a complaint by John C. Harris
4 versus People Gas, Light and Coke Company as to
5 billing and charges in Chicago, Illinois.

6 Mr. Harris, you are here appearing
7 without counsel; is that correct?

8 MR. JOHN C. HARRIS: Yes.

9 JUDGE RILEY: Would you state your name and
10 address for the record, please.

11 MR. JOHN C. HARRIS: John C. Harris, 4552 North
12 Dover Street, capital D-o-v-e-r, Chicago, Illinois
13 60640.

14 JUDGE RILEY: Thank you. And counsel for
15 People's Gas.

16 MR. GOLDSTEIN: On behalf of the Peoples Gas
17 Light and Coke Company, Mark L. Goldstein. And my
18 address is 108 Wilmot Road, Suite 330, Deerfield,
19 Illinois 60015. My telephone number is 847-580-5480.
20 I have with me Brian Schmoldt, S-c-h-m-o-l-d-t, from
21 Peoples Gas.

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1 JUDGE RILEY: All right. Thank you.

2 Mr. Goldstein, you had advised me off

3 the record, but in the presence of Mr. Harris that

4 you may have actually reached some sort of an accord

5 in this matter.

6 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Yes, Judge. We had a

7 discussion prior to going on the record this morning.

8 And what the company agreed to do is

9 waive the outstanding request for a security deposit

10 from Mr. Harris.

11 And have him enter into a budget plan

12 to pay off the balance of his --

13 MR. BRIAN SCHMOLDT: Payment plan.

14 MR. GOLDSTEIN: -- budget payment plan. Let me

15 rephrase that.

16 MR. BRIAN SCHMOLDT: Just a payment plan.

17 MR. GOLDSTEIN: A payment plan to pay off the

18 outstanding balance of his gas bill.

19 JUDGE RILEY: All right.

20 MR. GOLDSTEIN: And we would give him 24 months

21 to pay that. And I --

22 MR. BRIAN SCHMOLDT: With no interest.

1 MR. GOLDSTEIN: With no interest. Thank you.

2 MR. JOHN C. HARRIS: -- or late fees.

3 MR. BRIAN SCHMOLDT: That's what it is.

4 MR. JOHN C. HARRIS: Okay.

5 MR. GOLDSTEIN: And that would mean that he
6 would be paying -- we haven't figured it out exactly.
7 Approximately, 160, \$170 a month for 24 months on the
8 outstanding portion of his bill.

9 And; of course, he would have to pay
10 his current monthly gas charges as they accrue. And
11 I also explained to him in the event he was unable to
12 do that, and meet the payment arrangements that I've
13 just outlined for you, Judge, that, ultimately, if he
14 does not make those payments, he would be subject to
15 termination.

16 JUDGE RILEY: Well, but that's something down
17 the road. I mean, that's all speculation.

18 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Correct. But I explained to
19 him that would be the result of him not paying his
20 bill, and he agreed to that.

21 JUDGE RILEY: Okay. Mr. Harris, as Mr.
22 Goldstein has outlined in the settlement of this

1 matter; is that essentially correct from your
2 understanding?

3 MR. JOHN C. HARRIS: Yes. Mm-hmm.

4 JUDGE RILEY: Mm-hmm, meaning yes?

5 MR. JOHN C. HARRIS: Yes.

6 JUDGE RILEY: All right. Yeah, the reporter
7 has to have it clear.

8 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Judge, I have printed out a
9 stipulation, a joint motion to dismiss. I have
10 executed the stipulation on behalf of the company,
11 and I would ask Mr. Harris to sign off on it.

12 And if you would be so kind as to make
13 copies and provide it to the clerk's office. I think
14 this matter would be completed.

15 JUDGE RILEY: Okay.

16 MR. GOLDSTEIN: If you need explanation, I'd be
17 happy to explain that to you, Mr. Harris, but it's --
18 all it does is dismiss --

19 MR. JOHN C. HARRIS: Where do you want me to
20 sign it?

21 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Above your name on the
22 left-hand side there.

1 So if you would be so kind as to make
2 copies for us, I think that would complete the
3 matter, Judge.

4 JUDGE RILEY: I suppose then that's the 29th of
5 June?

6 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Yes.

7 JUDGE RILEY: Okay.

8 MR. JOHN C. HARRIS: I had to get my city
9 sticker today, too.

10 JUDGE RILEY: Okay.

11 (Whereupon, a discussion was had
12 off the record.)

13 JUDGE RILEY: Let's go back on.

14 This is -- you just need to -- you get
15 a copy. Mr. Harris gets a copy.

16 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Yes. Make an extra copy for
17 Mr. Schmoldt.

18 (Whereupon, a discussion was had
19 off the record.)

20 JUDGE RILEY: Let's go back on the record real
21 quick.

22 We have received the signed

1 stipulation and joint motion to dismiss.

2 Mr. Goldstein and Mr. Harris having
3 both signed it. Is there anything further?

4 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I have nothing else, Judge.

5 JUDGE RILEY: All right. Then I will direct
6 the court reporter -- I will have this matter filed
7 with the office of the chief clerk today, and that
8 will be dispositive of all issues.

9 And I therefore direct the court
10 reporter to mark this matter heard and taken.

11 Thank you very much.

12 (Heard and taken.)

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